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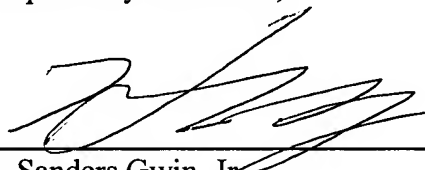
RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

In response to the communication mailed December 26, 2001, Applicants submit the attached continuation application and preliminary amendment. Since January 26, 2002 fell on a Saturday, this response is timely filed on January 28, 2002.

If questions arise, please contact the undersigned. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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